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FOR AMBASSADOR MCCLOSKEY FROM AMBASSADOR

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SUBJECT: SPANISH NEGOTIATIONS--WORKING GROUPS

REF: STATE 239552

1. UPON RECEIPT OF REFTTEL, I SPOKE TO ROVIRA AND ASKED HIM TO CHECK WITH CORTINA IF YOUR PROPOSAL TO COME TO MADRID NEXT WEEK WITH A SMALL GROUP WAS ACCEPTABLE. ROVIRA SAID HE WOULD IMMEDIATELY TAKE THIS UP WITH CORTINA AND LET ME KNOW. HAVING HEARD NOTHING FURTHER, I CHECKED WITH ROVIRA AGAIN THE FIRST THING THIS MORNING AND HE TOLD ME THAT THE MATTER WOULD HAVE TO BE DISCUSSED AT THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MEETING PRESIDED OVER BY FRANCO TO BE HELD LATER THIS MORNING. HE PROMISED TO BE IN TOUCH WITH ME AFTER THE COUNCIL MEETING.

2. COMMENT: I MAY BE OVERLY SUSPICIOUS, BUT IT IS POSSIBLE THAT CORTINA IS HAVING TROUBLE WITH THE MILITARY MINISTERS AND POSSIBLY SOME OTHERS OVER THE FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT, AND HE MAY HAVE FOUND IT NECESSARY TO REFER THE WHOLE MATTER, INCLUDING THE WORK TO BE DONE ON THE SUPPLEMENTARY AGREEMENTS, TO THE COUNCIL SO THAT FRANCO WILL MAKE CLEAR TO THE MILITARY

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MINISTERS WHAT HE WANTS. MY SUSPICION STEMS FROM CER-

TAIN REPORTS WE HAVE HAD REGARDING THE MILITARY REAC-
TION AND FROM CERTAIN COMMENTS MADE BY ROVIRA. THE
FACT IS THAT CORTINA REPORTED TO A CABINET MEETING ON
MONDAY AND AGAIN AT A CABINET MEETING YESTERDAY, BUT AT
NEITHER OF THOSE SESSIONS WAS FRANCO PRESENT. JUST AS
SOON AS I HEAR FURTHER FROM ROVIRA, I SHALL LET YOU
KNOW.
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